

APPENDIX A. DATA ON THE ELDERLY

This appendix presents historical and current data on the demographic and economic characteristics of the elderly, including information on population, life expectancy, labor force participation, marital status, living arrangements, poverty rates, and income. Data sources are noted at the bottom of each table.

The following definitions may be useful for reading the tables:

(1) ``Aged'' and ``elderly'' each refer to any person

65 years old or older.

(2) ``OASDI'' and ``Social Security'' are used interchangeably.

(3) ``Supplemental security income'' is, at times, abbreviated ``SSI.''

(4) The concepts ``unrelated individual'' and ``unit'' are used many times throughout this appendix.

``Unrelated individual'' refers to any individual living alone. ``Unit'' refers to an individual living alone, a couple living alone or a family.

TABLE A-1.--ELDERLY AS A PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELDERLY BY AGE AND SEX, 1940 TO

2025

				1940	1950
1960	1970	1980	1990	2000\1\	2025\1\

Population 65 years and older (in

thousands).....					9,556	12,807
17,268	20,892	26,125	31,995	35,170	60,599	
Population age 65 and older as a						
percent of total population.....					6.8	8.0
9.1	9.7	11.1	12.3	12.4	18.2	
Population age 75 and older as a						
percent of total population.....					2.0	2.5
3.1	3.7	4.4	5.2	5.9	7.5	
Population age 85 and older as a						
percent of total population.....					0.3	0.4
0.5	0.7	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.9	
Certain age and sex groupings as a						
percent of the population 65 years						
and older:						
Total 65 years and older.....					100.0	100.0
100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	

	Men 65 and older.....				48.4	46.8
44.5	41.6	40.3	40.8	41.1	43.9	
	Men 65 to 74.....				34.8	32.6
30.2	26.9	26.3	25.9	23.9	27.8	
	Men 75 to 84.....				11.9	12.2
12.2	12.4	11.3	12.1	13.8	13.0	
	Men 85 and older.....				1.7	2.0
2.2	2.4	2.8	2.9	3.5	3.2	
	Women 65 and older.....				51.6	53.2
55.5	58.4	59.7	59.2	58.9	56.1	
	Women 65 to 74.....				35.8	35.7
35.7	34.7	33.9	31.8	28.5	31.0	
	Women 75 to 84.....				13.4	14.7
16.3	19.2	19.3	19.8	21.4	17.8	
	Women 85 and older.....				2.3	2.8
3.5	4.6	6.5	7.5	9.0	7.3	

 \1\Projection.

Note: Population data include total U.S. plus the outlying

areas covered under the Social Security program and
an adjustment for population undercount.

Source: 1993 Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the
Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and
Disability Insurance Trust Funds, and unpublished
estimates from the Office of the Actuary, Social Security
Administration. Population figures are as of July 1 of
the year.

TABLE A-2.--LIFE EXPECTANCY\1\ FOR MEN AND WOMEN,
1900-2070

Life expectancy		Life expectancy	
at age 65		at birth	
Year			
		Male	Female
Male	Female		
Actual:			
1900.....		46.4	49.0
11.4	11.7		
1910.....		50.1	53.6
11.4	12.1		
1920.....		54.5	56.3
11.8	12.3		
1930.....		58.0	61.3
11.8	12.9		
1940.....		61.4	65.7
11.9	13.4		
1950.....		65.6	71.1
12.8	15.1		
1960.....		66.7	73.2
12.9	15.9		
1970.....		67.1	74.9

13.1	17.1		
	1980.....	69.9	77.5
14.0	18.4		
	1990\2\.....	71.1	78.8
14.9	18.9		
Projected\3\:			
	2000.....	72.6	79.7
15.4	19.4		
	2010.....	74.0	80.5
15.8	19.7		
	2020.....	74.7	81.2
16.3	20.2		
	2030.....	75.3	81.8
16.7	20.6		
	2040.....	75.9	82.4
17.1	21.1		
	2050.....	76.5	82.9
17.5	21.5		
	2060.....	77.0	83.5
17.9	22.0		
	2070.....	77.5	84.0
18.3	22.4		

 \1\The life expectancy for any year is the average number of years of

life remaining for a person if that person were to experience the

death rates by age observed in, or assumed for, the selected years.

\2\Estimated.

\3\Based on the intermediate mortality assumptions of the 1993 Annual

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors

Insurance and Disability Insurance Trust Funds.

Source: Office of the Actuary, Social Security Administration.

TABLE A-3.--LABOR FORCE
PARTICIPATION RATES\1\, 1950-93

	Sex		1950	1955	1960	1965
1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1993	

Men:						
	55 to 64.....		86.9	87.9	86.8	84.6
83.0	75.8	72.3	67.9	67.7	66.5	
	55 to 59.....		(\2\)	92.5	91.6	90.2
89.5	84.4	81.9	79.6	79.8	78.2	
	60 to 64.....		(\2\)	82.5	81.1	78.0
75.0	65.7	61.0	55.6	55.5	54.1	
	60 to 61.....		(\2\)	(\2\)	(\2\)	84.8
82.6	75.2	71.8	68.9	68.8	66.1	
	62 to 64.....		(\2\)	(\2\)	(\2\)	73.2
69.4	58.8	52.8	46.1	46.4	46.1	
	65 and over.....		45.8	39.6	33.1	27.9
26.8	21.7	19.1	15.8	16.4	15.6	
Women:						
	55 to 64.....		27.0	32.5	37.2	41.4
43.0	41.0	41.5	42.0	45.3	47.3	
	55 to 59.....		(\2\)	35.6	42.2	47.1
50.4	47.9	48.6	50.3	55.3	57.1	
	60 to 64.....		(\2\)	29.0	31.4	34.0
36.1	33.3	33.3	33.4	35.5	37.1	
	60 to 61.....		(\2\)	(\2\)	(\2\)	40.4
41.4	39.5	39.8	40.3	42.9	45.2	
	62 to 64.....		(\2\)	(\2\)	(\2\)	29.5
32.3	29.0	28.6	28.7	30.7	31.8	
	65 and over.....		9.7	10.6	10.8	10.0
9.7	8.3	8.1	7.3	8.7	8.2	

\1\Civilian labor force as percent of civilian
noninstitutional population aged 16 or older.

\2\Data not available.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

TABLE A-4.--MARITAL STATUS OF AGED
INDIVIDUALS\1\, 1960-92

			1960		1970\2\	
1980\3\		1990		1992		
65 to 74	75 and over	65 to 74	65 to 74	75 and over	65 to 74	75 and over

Men:

Number (in thousands).....			4,778	2,280	5,333	3,031
6,459	3,234	8,013	4,320	8,266	4,533	
Percent.....			100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	

Married.....			78.9	59.1	77.6	79.7
81.6	69.4	80.2	69.9	79.1	70.2	
Widowed.....			12.7	31.6	11.0	30.4
8.5	24.0	9.2	23.7	10.2	23.7	
Divorced.....			1.7	1.5	2.9	1.5
4.4	2.2	6.0	3.1	6.1	2.6	
Never married.....			6.7	7.8	8.5	6.6
5.4	4.4	4.7	3.4	4.6	3.5	

Women:

Number (in thousands).....			5,529	3,054	6,741	4,608
8,549	5,411	9,966	7,267	10,174	7,616	

Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Married.....	45.6	21.8	45.4	20.8
50.1	23.3	53.2	25.4	53.0
Widowed.....	44.4	68.3	43.7	70.5
40.3	68.0	36.1	65.6	35.9
Divorced.....	1.7	1.2	3.0	1.3
4.0	2.3	6.2	3.6	6.7
Never married\4\..	8.4	8.6	7.9	7.4
5.6	6.4	4.6	5.4	4.4

\1\Civilian noninstitutional population only.
 \2\Estimates based on weights derived from the 1960
 decennial census.
 \3\Estimates based on weights derived from the 1970
 decennial census.
 \4\Never married was reported as ``single'' for 1960.

Note: Details may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population
 Reports, series P-20, Nos. 135, 212, 365, 423, 445, 450,
 and 461.

TABLE A-5.--LIVING ARRANGEMENTS OF THE ELDERLY, 1970-92
 [Civilian noninstitutionalized population, number in
 thousands]

		Total 65 and		Widowed men	
Widowed women					
		over			

Living arrangement		-----			
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Number	Percent				

Total:					
1970\2\.....	19,061	100.0	1,333	100.0	
5,946 100.0					
1980\3\.....	24,194	100.0	1,342	100.0	
7,295 100.0					
1990.....	29,566	100.0	1,755	100.0	
8,367 100.0					
1992.....	30,590	100.0	1,917	100.0	
8,601 100.0					
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In families:					
1970\2\.....	13,347	70.0	499	37.4	
2,386 40.1					
1980\3\.....	16,355	67.6	385	28.7	
2,194 30.1					
1990.....	19,737	66.8	525	29.9	
2,202 26.3					
1992.....	20,351	66.5	53.6	28.0	
2,305 26.8					
Living alone:					
1970\2\.....	5,071	26.6	708	53.1	
3,309 55.7					
1980\3\.....	7,328	30.3	893	66.5	
4,916 67.4					
1990.....	9,176	31.0	1,117	63.6	
5,946 71.1					
1992.....	9,523	31.1	1,241	64.7	
6,070 70.6					
Other:					
1970\2\.....	645	3.4	124	9.3	
251 4.2					
1980\3\.....	511	2.1	65	4.8	
186 2.5					
1990.....	653	2.2	113	6.4	
220 2.6					
1992.....	716	2.3	142	7.4	
227 2.6					

 \1\Excludes persons in institutions (nursing homes, etc.).
 The number of
 such persons age 65 years and over was estimated to be
 0.8 million in
 1970, and 1.6 million in 1989.
 \2\Estimates based on weights derived from the 1970
 decennial census.
 \3\Estimates based on weights derived from the 1980
 decennial census.

Source: Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports,
 P-20, Nos.
 445, 450, 461 and unpublished data.

TABLE A-6.--POVERTY STATUS OF ALL PERSONS,
 AND THE ELDERLY BY SEX, RACE/ETHNICITY AND LIVING
 ARRANGEMENT, 1959-92

[Percent below the poverty level]

1959	1966	1970	1973\1\ 1992	1980	1990
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All					
persons.....					
.....	22.4	14.7	12.6	11.1	
13.0	13.5	14.5			
Persons 65 years old and					
over.....					
35.2	28.5	24.5	16.3	15.7	12.2
12.9					

Both sexes:

Living arrangement:

Living in

families.....					
NA	NA	14.7	9.4	8.5	5.8
7.1					

Unrelated

individuals.....					
NA	NA	47.1	32.0	30.6	24.7
24.9					

Race/ethnicity:

Black.....					
....	NA	NA	48.0	37.1	38.1
21.9	22.0				

Hispanic

\2\.....					
NA	NA	NA	24.9	30.8	14.6
14.2					

White.....					
....	NA	NA	22.5	14.4	13.6
4.3	5.7				

Men.....					
.....	NA	NA	19.0	12.4	
10.9	7.6	8.9			

Living arrangement:

Living in

families.....					
NA	NA	14.9	9.4	8.2	5.4
6.7					

Unrelated

individuals.....					
NA	NA	38.9	27.1	24.4	17.3
18.6					

Race/ethnicity:

Black.....					
....	NA	NA	41.3	32.4	31.4
27.8	26.9				

Hispanic					
\2\.....					
NA	NA	NA	22.0	27.0	18.6
17.4					

White.....					
....	NA	NA	17.0	10.4	9.0
5.6	7.1				

Women.....					
.....		NA	NA	28.5	19.0
19.0	15.4	15.7			

Living arrangement:					
Living in					
families.....					
NA	NA	14.5	9.3	8.8	6.3
7.5					

Unrelated					
individuals.....					
NA	NA	49.7	33.5	32.3	26.9
26.8					

Race/ethnicity:					
Black.....					
....	NA	NA	53.2	40.5	42.6
37.9	37.7				

Hispanic					
\2\.....					
NA	NA	NA	24.7	34.3	25.3
25.3					

White.....					
....	NA	NA	26.5	17.2	16.8
13.2	13.6				

\1\First year in which Hispanic data are available.
 \2\Hispanics may be of any race. NA--Not available.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports series P-60.

TABLE A-7.--POVERTY RATES OF THE ELDERLY BY AGE, SEX, AND MARITAL

STATUS: 1992

		65 and	65 to	75
to	85 and	over	74	
84	over			
Male total.....		8.9	8.1	
9.7	13.2			
Married.....		6.6	6.0	
7.5	10.5			
Widowed.....		15.0	13.7	
15.7	16.7			
Divorced/separated/never married		17.6	18.1	
16.5	NA			
Female total.....		15.7	12.7	
18.9	22.7			
Married.....		6.4	5.6	
8.0	NA			
Widowed.....		21.5	18.9	
23.2	23.8			
Divorced/separated/never married		26.0	25.6	
27.0	NA			
Total.....		12.9	10.7	
15.3	19.8			

NA--Not available due to unreliability of estimate.

Percentage base

represents fewer than 250,000 persons.

Source: March 1993 Current Population Survey (CPS). Table prepared by CRS.

TABLE A-8.--TOTAL MONEY INCOME OF ELDERLY UNITS, 1992

			All units			
Married couples			Nonmarried persons			
Amount of income			Age 65	Age 65-	Age 85	Age
65	Age 65-	Age 85	Age 65	Age 65-	Age 85	
over	69	and over	and over	69	and over	and
over	69	and over	and over	69	and over	and
Number (in thousands).			23,579	6,746	2,409	
9,595	3,395	427	13,983	3,351	1,982	
Total percent...			100.0	100.0	100.0	
100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
0-\$4,999....			8.2	7.0	13.6	
2.4	2.4	4.3	12.2	11.5	15.9	
\$5,000-\$9,999.....			26.8	19.3	41.0	
7.5	6.4	10.3	40.2	32.4	47.5	
\$10,000-\$14,999.....			17.9	15.9	19.1	
14.2	12.3	20.7	20.6	19.4	18.9	
\$15,000-19,999.....			12.4	12.2	9.9	
15.3	11.6	21.2	10.4	12.7	7.5	
\$20,000-\$29,999.....			15.8	18.8	8.0	

24.8	24.3	17.9	9.5	13.3	5.9
	\$30,000-39,999.....		8.0	10.6	3.9
14.9	16.9	10.4	3.4	4.2	2.4
	\$40,000-49,999.....		4.1	5.6	2.2
7.5	8.4	7.5	1.7	2.7	1.1
	\$50,000-74,999.....		3.7	5.6	1.0
7.2	9.2	3.0	1.4	2.1	0.4
	\$75,000-\$99,999.....		1.1	2.1	0.4
2.8	3.5	1.7	0.4	0.7	0.2
	\$100,000-\$149,999.....		0.3	2.1	0.3
2.2	3.4	1.7	0.3	0.7	0.0
	\$150,000-\$199,999.....		0.3	0.7	0.2
0.7	1.3	1.3	0.1	0.1	0.0
	\$200,000 or more.....		0.2	0.3	0.2
0.4	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2

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Median.....	\$13,959	\$18,087	\$9,299
\$23,817	\$26,873	\$18,347	\$9,554
	\$11,302	\$8,108	

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Source: 1993 Current Population Survey, tabulated by the
Office of Research and Statistics, Social Security
Administration.

TABLE A-9.--AMOUNT OF INCOME FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN
SOCIAL
SECURITY, AMONG SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFICIARIES AGE 65 AND
OVER, 1992

Unit income other than Social Nonmarried	Security	All units	Married couples
persons			

Number (in thousands).....		21,719	8,958
12,762			
Total percent.....		100.0	100.0
100.0			

None.....		14.2	6.4
19.7			
Loss or \$1-\$1,999.....		20.7	12.0
17.8			
\$2,000-\$3,999.....		10.8	7.7
12.9			
\$4,000-\$5,999.....		8.1	6.8
9.0			
\$6,000-\$7,999.....		7.1	7.9
6.5			
\$8,000-\$9,999.....		5.7	6.4
5.3			
\$10,000-\$14,999.....		9.9	13.3
1.8			
\$15,000-\$19,999.....		6.2	9.4
3.9			
\$20,000-\$29,999.....		7.5	12.5
4.0			
\$30,000-\$39,999.....		3.9	6.9
1.8			
\$40,000-\$74,999.....		3.8	6.9
1.7			
\$75,000-\$99,999.....		0.9	1.7
0.3			
\$100,000-\$199,999.....		0.9	2.0
0.1			
\$200,000 or more.....		0.1	0.2
0.1			

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Median income other than Social
Security.....          $4,918          $10,937
$2,357
Median Social Security income....      $8,044          $11,656
$6,748
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Source: 1993 Current Population Survey, tabulated by the
Office of
Research and Statistics, Social Security Administration.

TABLE A-10.--INCOME SOURCES OF ELDERLY UNITS\1\ AND
RELATIVE

IMPORTANCE OF SOURCES, 1992

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of aggregate          Percent of units with      Percent
income from each     income from each source    unit
source
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Total      Poor\2  Nonpoor  Total
Poor\2\   Nonpoor
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Number of units (in
thousands).....  23,187   3,514   19,673   NA
NA         NA
Number of aged
individuals (in
thousands).....  30,870   3,983   26,887   NA
NA         NA
Percent of units.....  100.0    15.2    84.8     NA
NA         NA
Earnings\3\.....  32.3     9.3     36.4     30.0

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5.0	30.9				
OASDI, railroad					
retirement.....	93.6	89.8	94.2	32.6	
67.7	31.3				
Pensions.....	45.6	8.6	52.2	16.0	
2.6	16.4				
Unemployment					
compensation,					
workers					
compensation,					
veterans payments...	8.8	4.8	9.5	1.5	
1.6	1.5				
AFDC, SSI, general					
assistance.....	8.7	25.3	5.7	1.0	
10.0	0.7				
Child support,					
alimony.....	5.3	2.7	5.7	0.9	
0.6	0.9				
Interest,					
dividends\3\.....	70.1	33.7	76.6	17.5	
3.5	18.0				
Food stamps\4\.....	5.7	23.6	2.5	0.2	
3.1	0.1				
Housing assistance\4\	5.9	16.9	3.9	0.4	
5.8	0.2				

\1\Families and unrelated individuals with any member age 65 or older.

\2\Based on census ('`Orshansky'') poverty levels.

\3\Negative income (i.e., losses) set to zero.

\4\The cash values of food stamps and housing assistance were estimated

using their market values. Their cash values are excluded from total

income for purposes of determining poverty status. Cash values of food

stamps and housing assistance are included in total income for

calculating the percentage share of total income.

NA--Not applicable.

Note: Details may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Source: March 1993 Current Population Survey (CPS). Table prepared by CRS.

TABLE A-11.--INCOME SOURCES OF ELDERLY MARRIED COUPLES AND RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF SOURCES, 1992

Percent of couples with			Percent of aggregate		
income from each source			total income from each		
			source		
Total	Poor\2\	Nonpoor	Total	Poor\2\	Nonpoor
Number of married couples (in thousands).....					
6,076	347	5,729	NA	NA	NA
Percent of married couples.....					
100.0	5.7	94.3	NA	NA	NA
Earnings\3\.....					
20.8	5.5	21.8	12.8	2.5	12.9
OASDI, railroad retirement.....					
97.2	86.5	97.8	40.7	73.1	40.3
Pensions.....					
60.9	14.6	63.7	22.0	4.8	22.2
Veterans, UC, and other compensation.....					
8.4	3.7	8.7	1.3	2.0	1.3
AFDC, SSI, general assistance.....					
2.4	14.4	1.7	0.3	7.9	0.2

Child support, alimony.....					
3.0	0.4	3.2	0.5	0.0	0.5
Interest, dividends\3\.....					
82.4	45.4	84.6	22.5	5.2	22.7
Food stamps\4\.....					
1.6	17.8	0.6	0.0	2.9	0.0
Housing assistance\4\.....					
1.3	4.4	1.1	0.1	1.6	0.0

\1\Both members age 65 or over.

\2\Based on Orshansky poverty levels.

\3\Negative incomes (i.e., losses) set to zero.

\4\The cash values of food stamps and housing assistance were estimated using their market values. Their cash values are excluded from total income for purposes of determining poverty status. Cash values of food stamps and housing assistance are included in total income for calculating the percentage share of total income.

NA--Not applicable.

Source: March 1993 Current Population Survey (CPS). Table prepared by CRS.

TABLE A-12. INCOME SOURCES OF ELDERLY UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS
 \1\ AND RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF SOURCES, 1992

Percent of units with			Percent of aggregate		
income from each source			total income from each		
			source		

Total	Poor\2\	Nonpoor	Total	Poor\2\	Nonpoor

Number of individuals (in thousands).....					
10,041	2,498	7,543	NA	NA	NA
Percent of individuals.....					
100.0	24.9	75.1	NA	NA	NA
Earnings\3\.....					
12.4	2.9	15.5	10.0	0.7	11.0
OASDI, Railroad retirement.....					
94.9	92.5	95.7	45.2	74.6	42.2
Pensions.....					
37.8	7.3	47.9	17.4	2.1	18.9
Veterans, UC, and other compensation.....					
5.0	3.8	5.5	1.5	0.9	1.6
AFDC, SSI, general assistance.....					
8.3	23.7	3.2	1.2	8.2	0.4
Child support, alimony.....					
3.5	1.6	4.2	0.8	0.4	0.9
Interest, dividends\3\.....					
63.9	33.9	73.8	22.3	3.3	24.3
Food stamps\4\.....					
7.0	22.2	1.9	0.2	2.0	0.0
Housing assistance\4\.....					
11.2	20.9	8.0	1.4	7.9	0.7

\1\Age 65 and over living alone.

\2\Based on ('`Orshansky') poverty levels.

\3\Negative incomes (i.e., losses) set to zero.

\4\The cash values of food stamps and housing assistance were estimated using their market values. Their cash values are excluded from total income for purposes of determining poverty status. Cash values of food stamps and housing assistance are included in total income for calculating the percentage share of total income.

NA--Not applicable.

Source: March 1993 Current Population Survey (CPS). Table prepared by CRS.

TABLE A-13.--RECEIPT OF SOCIAL SECURITY, SUPPLEMENTAL
SECURITY
INCOME AND FOOD STAMPS, AMONG POOR AND NEAR-POOR ELDERLY
UNITS,\1\ 1992

with income of		Units with income	Units
149.9 percent		below 100 percent of	100 to
poverty threshold		poverty threshold	of
Type of benefit received			
		Number (in	Number
(in		thousands)	Percent
thousands)	Percent		
Total.....		3,377	100.0
3,578	100.0		
Social Security\2\.....		3,057	90.5
3,483	97.3		
SSI.....		761	22.5
393	11.0		
Food stamps.....		779	23.1
237	6.6		
Social Security only\3\.....		2,131	63.1
2,993	83.7		
SSI only\3\.....		51	1.5
25	0.7		
Food stamps only\3\.....		19	0.6
0	0.0		
Social Security and food			
stamps\4\.....		308	9.1
133	3.7		
Social Security and SSI\4\..		258	7.6
263	7.4		

SSI and food stamps\4\.....	92	2.7
11 0.3		
All three income sources....	360	10.7
93 2.6		
No Social Security, SSI, or		
food stamps.....	158	4.7
59 1.6		

\1\Includes couples with an elderly head and unrelated individuals.

\2\Includes railroad retirement.

\3\This row, which is labeled ``social security only'', means the family

 receives only Social Security and does not receive SSI or food stamps.

 The family could be receiving other types of income. The same is true

 of the following 2 rows.

\4\Family receives only the two types of income specified but not the

 third. The family could be receiving other sources of income than the

 three mentioned.

Source: March 1993 Current Population Survey (CPS). Table prepared by
CRS.

